



St Augustine's Academy Newsletter

23rd April 2021



Headteacher's Message – Tree Planting

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,



We were thrilled to receive a grant, from the council, to enable us to plant over 500 trees and hedges in our Forest School area. They have also funded an irrigation system to keep our plants watered at the roots. The Countryside Commission have worked with the school to select and plan the planting and we are excited by the range of plants chosen. In addition to native species such as willow and beech, we have a tulip tree which will look beautiful in flower.

During the last 2 weeks, our site manager, Mr. Smart, has laid an electricity and water supply from the school building to the Forest School area and, during the last 2 days, all classes have been busy planting. We are excited to watch our Forest School grow and flourish in the months and years ahead.

Wishing you a happy weekend.

Amanda Howes
Headteacher



Music



Throughout the year, Early Years have professional music lessons delivered by Inspiring Music. This week, the rest of the school have started to learn to play a range of musical instruments and further develop their Music skills. These are the instruments being learnt.



Year 1 – Ocarinas

Year 2 - Ukuleles

Year 3 – J-sax

Year 4 - Recorders

Year 5 and 6 – Garage Band (on iPads)



Can you identify
the
instruments
from the photographs?



St George's Day



At St Augustine's, we celebrate St George's Day by asking children and staff, who belong to uniformed organisations, to wear their uniforms to school. Our smart, proud Beavers, Brownies and Cubs can be seen in the above photo.

'Let your light shine before others that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.' Matthew 5:16



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The Sustrans Big Pedal is back! It's the UK's biggest schools' active travel challenge that's open to all – it's not just cycling, but walking, scooting and wheeling; pupils and parents can all get involved.

On each day of the challenge schools will compete to see who can record the greatest number of pupils, staff and parents cycling, walking, scooting or using a wheelchair to school. For any pupils learning remotely, they can complete 30 minutes of physical activity at home.

If over 15% of our school takes an active journey (or completes a physical activity at home) on each day of the challenge we will be entered into daily prize draws for rewards. Prizes include accessories and equipment to help our school travel actively.

What a great way to get more active!

Pokémon Club

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Pokémon

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EVERY TUESDAY AT GROVE CORNER

8 TO 13 YEARS 5.00 PM TO 6.30 PM

14 TO 18 YEARS 6.45 PM TO 8.15 PM

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FOR MORE INFORMATION
OR TO BOOK



Celebrations

CONGRATULATIONS to the following children.

Our Stars of the Week are...

Reception - Deivid
Year 1 - Olly
Year 2 - Bliss
Year 3 - Taya
Year 4 - Ethan
Year 5 - Soraya
Year 6 - Adrian

Our 'SELF' Pupils of the Week for,
"What makes you want to stay in bed in the
morning?" are...

Reception - Kelly
Year 1 - Roman
Year 2 - Shelby
Year 3 - Lina
Year 4 - Ceana
Year 5 - Cameron
Year 6 - Kayla



Our Mathematicians of the Week are...

Reception - Orion
Year 1 - Tymon
Year 2 - Saoirse
Year 3 - Stephen
Year 4 - Aidan
Year 5 - Jasmin
Year 6 - Rose

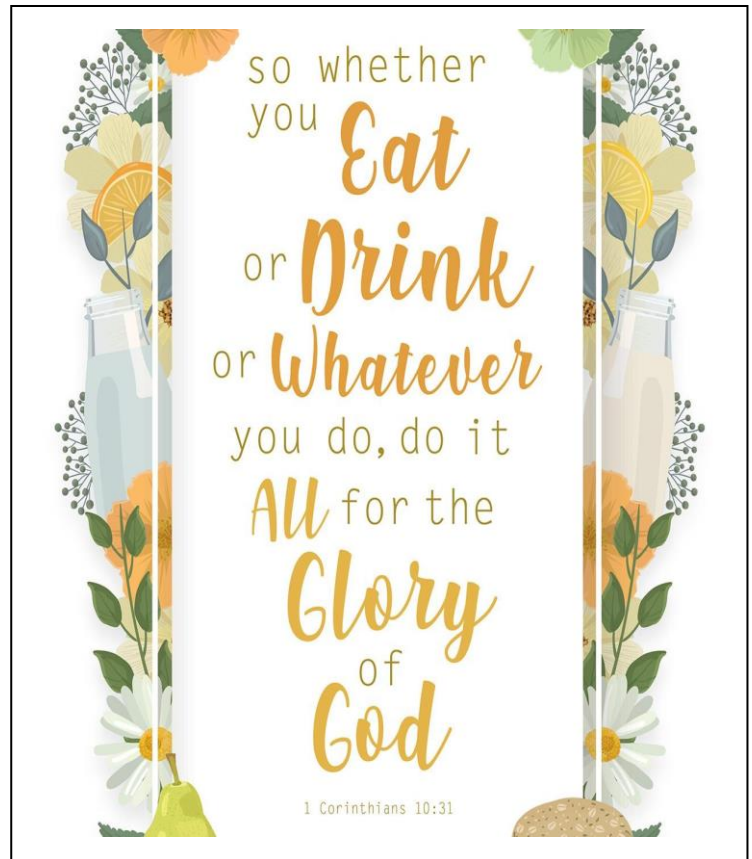
Our Attendance Bear Winner this week is...



The House Point totals this week are...



Value of the Half Term - Service



Prefix of the Week



Extra



Extra is from Latin and means 'outside or beyond'.

You find 'extra' as a prefix in many English words.

Extraordinary – Very unusual or remarkable

Extrapolate – Estimate or conclude

Extracurricular – An activity (at school or college) that is in addition to usual study

Extravaganza – An elaborate and spectacular entertainment or production

Extraterrestrial – A creature from outside the earth

Extravagant – Excessive and elaborate

Diary Dates

Fri. 28 th May	Last day of the half term
Mon. 7 th Jun.	Children return to school
Thu. 22 nd Jul.	Last day of term

Sometimes we have to change diary dates due to circumstances beyond our control. Please keep checking the school diary regularly for updates.



School Guidelines

Expectations for Pupils, Parents and Carers



When our school reopens to all pupils again in September, it is important that we all follow Government guidelines, our Risk Register controls and our own 'St Augustine's Way' to ensure that everyone is as safe as possible. The list of expectations below must be followed by all pupils, parents and carers to help our school stay a safe environment for all.

Pupils Expectations:

- *Live the St Augustine's Way by following our Golden Rules 'Show Respect, Be Kind and Try Our Best' and remembering our values.*
- *Keep yourself and others safe by:*
 - *Listening carefully to school staff and following their instructions*
 - *Waiting patiently – everything will take longer than usual*
 - *Entering the school building separately and patiently at start time*
 - *Social Distancing e.g. Play games that do not involve touching others*
Keep 2 metres apart from adults, and from children not in your bubble
Follow the school's one-way system
Stay in your designated areas for play and lunch times
 - *Washing your hands when you enter the school and at regular times during the day*
 - *Leaving all PE kit and toys at home and only bringing essential equipment to school*
 - *Avoid sharing or touching other people's personal things e.g. water bottles*
 - *Avoiding touching your mouth, nose, and eyes*
 - *Remembering to 'Catch it, Bin it, Kill it'*
 - *Avoiding putting things in your mouth e.g. pencil*
 - *If you wear a face covering or mask to school, you must take it off before you enter the school building and give it to your parent or carer to throw away or take home.*
- *Wear your school uniform; wear your PE kit to school on PE days*



Remember – If you are unsafe, consequences will be given, and your parents/carers informed. This includes actions such as: deliberately coughing or spitting, touching others, playing unsafe games, and not following social distancing rules.

Parents and Carers Expectations:

- *DO NOT bring your child/ren to school if they (or anyone in your household) have Coronavirus symptoms but follow the Government guidance here:*
<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>
- *Collect your child immediately if you are called regarding illness*
- *Support the school in getting a test and engaging with Track and Trace if Covid-19 symptoms are detected in school*
- *ONLY 1 Parent/Carer may enter the school site (past the silver gates), to bring their child to school*
- *Ensure that your child has good attendance and is only away from school if they are ill*
- *Encourage walking, cycling or scooting to school*
- *Young children must always stay next to their parent/carers (e.g. buggy, holding hands, reins)*
- *Ensure social distancing from other adults while waiting for the doors to open – as per government guidance*
- *Be on time. (Please do not arrive too early as this will cause congestion and unnecessary mixing with other families – if your child's allotted time is missed then please phone the school for further instructions.) Remember, Breakfast Club will only run for the children of Key Workers. We will inform you of other clubs as they become available.*
- *Do not congregate outside the school gates; this will enable others to come into school safely*
- *Adults should wear a mask when dropping off and picking up children from school.*
- *Support school staff in reinforcing health and safety messages and set a good example by following them too.*
- *Do not attempt to enter the school building or meet with staff at the start or end of the school day but contact the office by telephone or email if you have a message for a staff member.*
- *Ensure that the school's uniform policy, including for jewellery and hair, is followed. If you have any issues concerning uniform then please contact the school before we return on the 8th March.*



Remember – Parents/carers/younger siblings will not be permitted to enter the school building at drop off and pick-up times. This includes for use of the toilet.

Support and Advice

The table below gives a whole range of support services that you can access for help and advice. Please use them. This is a really testing time for us all and we all need a little bit of help and support sometimes. Remember, if you feel you can't cope, you can also ring the school to speak to someone.

Service	Number	Website	Information
Child Line	0800 1111	https://www.childline.org.uk/	Child Line is a free, private and confidential service where young people can talk about anything. Support is available online, on the phone, anytime
Rev Ricky Dunstable Team Vicars	01582 528485	Contact – rickyturner@ntlworld.com PrayDunstable@gmail.com	Prayer and general help and support.
MIND	0300 300 0648	https://www.mind.org.uk/	Mind offers information and advice to people with mental health problems
Headspace		https://www.headspace.com/ App is available to download on the App store or Google Play	Mental health activities. Provides guided meditations, animations, articles and videos
Victim Support	0808 1689111	https://www.victimsupport.org.uk/	Free and confidential support for people affected by crime and traumatic events – regardless of whether you have reported the crime to the police or not
Salvation Army	01582 606031	https://www.salvationarmy.org.uk/dunstable	The Samaritans offer a church and social services to support those in need
Kooth		https://kooth.com/	Kooth is an online and confidential service giving help and advice about emotional health to young people
Samaritans	116 123	https://www.samaritans.org/	Free and confidential support and advice
Anxiety UK	TextService: 07537 416 905 Infoline: 03444 775 774	https://www.anxietyuk.org.uk/	Anxiety UK relieve and support those living with anxiety and anxiety-based depression by providing information, support and understanding
Youngminds	Parents Helpline 0808 802 5544	https://youngminds.org.uk/	A UK charity fighting for children and young people's mental health
Signpost	0800 0282 887	https://www.signpostforbedfordshire.com/	Support for those affected by crime
NSPCC	0808 800 5000	https://www.nspcc.org.uk/	Help for adults concerned about a child
National Online Safety		https://nationaleducationgroup.cmail20.com/t/t-l-nkrhuy-fyhllutij-y/	Highly visual and informative Online Safety posters for parents, carers and children
Central Bedfordshire Council		https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers	Coronavirus – Information for Parents and Carers
Central Bedfordshire Children's Services	0300 300 8585 Out of hours: 0300 300 8123		If you think a child you know is being harmed or at risk of being harmed, please contact the Access and Referral Hub, who you can talk to about your concerns. All child protection calls are treated in confidence and you don't need to give your details

You can also find the latest information updates on the corona virus at:

<https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

SPRING/SUMMER MENU 2021

Welcome to our new menu for Spring/summer 2021. The price is £2.20 per day and as always you can rest assured that all our food is cooked fresh daily and we use British farm assured meat carrying the Red Tractor logo and all our fish dishes use MSC certified fish.

Please let your school know straight away if your child has an allergy to any of these 14 allergens



Fresh bread, salad and Yoghurts are available daily. If your child requires a lunch and would like a Jacket Potato please inform the kitchen at the start of the school day.

WEEK 1

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Cheese pizza or Vegetable wraps	BBQ Chicken drumstick or Three bean Chilli	Breaded fish Fillet or Cheese flan	Pork Meatballs in tomato sauce or Vegetable Lasagne	Beefburger In wholemeal bun or Veggie burger In wholemeal bun
Served with Potato wedges Seasonal veg or Salad	Served with Rice Seasonal veg or salad	Served with New potatoes Seasonal veg or Salad	Served with Pasta Seasonal veg or salad	Served with Chips or pasta Baked beans or salad
Treacle and oat Cookies	Banana bread	Date and Apple Slice	Iced orange Sponge	Frozen Fruit smoothie
Fruit Yoghurts	Fruit Yoghurts	Fruit Yoghurts	Fruit Yoghurts	Fruit Yoghurts

WEEK 2

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Cheese pizza or Vegetable frittata	Creamy chicken Pasta bake or Tomato and basil Pasta	Sausage roll or Veggie sausage Roll	Chilli-con- carne or Cheese and Broccoli bake	Fish fingers or Veggie fingers
Served with Potato wedges Seasonal veg or salad	Served with Seasonal veg or salad	Served with New potatoes Seasonal veg or salad	Served with Rice Seasonal veg or Salad	Served with Chips or pasta Baked beans or salad
Chocolate Cornflake Cookie	Cocoa and Date brownie	Jam and Coconut sponge	Spiced apple Cake	Arctic roll
Fruit Yoghurts	Fruit Yoghurts	Fruit Yoghurts	Fruit Yoghurts	Fruit Yoghurts

WEEK 3

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Cheese pizza or Salmon and Broccoli pasta Salad	Chinese chicken Curry or Vegetable slice	Sausages or Veggie sausages	Bolognese Pasta bake or Tomato & bean Bolognese	Fish fingers or Veggie nuggets
Served with Potato wedges Seasonal veg or salad	Served with Rice Seasonal veg or Salad	Served with Mashed potato Seasonal veg or Salad	Served with Pasta Seasonal veg or Salad	Served with Chips or pasta Baked beans or salad
Fruity flapjack	Banana cake	Pineapple Upside down Cake	Shortbread Fruit crumbly	Jelly and fruit
Fruit Yoghurts	Fruit Yoghurts	Fruit Yoghurts	Fruit Yoghurts	Fruit Yoghurts

Spring and Summer School Dinner Menu